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This is a copy of the letter I submitted to americans for technology leadership. Since I doubt they will forward it to you, I am doing so myself.

You probably will not like nor use this message, but I am glad to express myself. After 20 years of being at the mercy of Microsoft and watching and being involved in their high-handed tactics for doing away with the competition -- an usually unfairly -- I am disgusted at the hand slap they got. When a company can completely dominate an industry because they have deep pockets, it goes against everything we Americans believe in. And who is Microsoft and her allies kidding -- most innovation and competitiveness in American business comes from small business, not large money-hungry corporations.

Give me a break! Microsoft as a hero? Come on! They have been stifling and killing the competition for years. Many of my favorite programs and/or features of common applications have either disappeared or become almost non-entities because of Microsoft's aggressive competitive stance and deep pockets. In their place, we have Microsoft telling us what we want -- not usually what we need.

Score: 0 for free enterprise  
1 for monopolies